

IN THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A lens moving device comprising:

a lens support mechanism that supports a lens in such a manner that said lens moves along the optical axis thereof;

a drive source that moves said lens along the optical axis;

a cam member that is rotated by said drive source, said cam member being molded from synthetic resin and being provided with a stopper and a ring-shaped cam surface that includes an operative area and a non-operative area, said operative area having a portion which is inclined with respect to a plane perpendicular to the optical axis of said lens; and

a cam follower that comes in contact with said cam member to transmit the rotational movement of said cam member to said lens support mechanism as a linear movement of said lens along the optical axis;

wherein said ~~cam member being provided with a non-operative area with which~~ said cam follower comes into contact with said operative area of said cam surface during an normal operation and does not come in contact with said non-operative area of said cam surface during a normal operation, said non-operative area having a gate mark

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formed during the resin molding process, said stopper preventing said cam follower from interfering with said gate mark.

Claim 2 (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said cam follower is provided to said lens support mechanism.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said stopper has a height such that said cam follower cannot get over said stopper, and extends along a radial direction of said cam member.

Claim 5 (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein said stopper comprises first and second stopper members, which are located at both end portions of said non-operative area.

Claim 6 (Currently amended) A lens moving device comprising:

~~means for supporting~~ a lens support that supports a lens in such a manner that said lens moves along the optical axis thereof;

a cam member having a ring-shaped cam surface that ~~has~~ includes an operative area and a non-operative area, said cam member being molded from synthetic resin, said operative area having a portion which is inclined with respect to a plane perpendicular to the optical axis of said lens, said non-operative area having a gate mark formed during the resin molding process;

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a mover that moves ~~means for moving~~ said cam member;

a cam follower that comes in contact with said operative area to transmit the movement of said cam member to said lens support ~~supporting means~~ to move said lens in a normal operation, and that does not come in contact with said non-operative area during said normal operation; and

a preventer that prevents ~~means for preventing~~ said cam follower from interfering with said gate mark.